The KREWE of NEREIDS

Presents

FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY
BAL MASQUE

SATURDAY EVENING
FEBRUARY 7, 1981

MISSISSIPPI COAST COLISEUM
BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

FIESTA! FIESTA!

MEXICO, the gateway and bridge between NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA, is a land of beautiful extremes. Hardly anywhere else in the world, do the scenic, cultural and human contrasts, clash so directly and colorfully as in this FIESTA LAND TO THE SOUTH.

The map shows MEXICO to be in the shape of a huge CORNUCOPIA, a horn of plenty, and as if from an inexhaustible CORNUCOPIA the country showers the VISITOR with ever new and changing impressions. Unforgettable are the contrasts of its SCENERY, stretching from the low-lying PLAINS to the mighty snow covered MOUNTAINS and smoking VOLCANOS. Beside the ANCIENT INDIAN TEMPLES and the ORNATE CHURCHES of the colonial era, stand the MODERN SKYSCRAPERS of 20th century architecture.

ALL OF THE VARIETY and sweep of this majestic land COMES TO LIFE . . . . the MODERN CAPITOL CITY and the COUNTRY MARKET-TOWNS . . . the incomparable remnants of the EARLY INDIAN CIVILIZATIONS . . . the BEAUTIFUL BAROQUE CATHEDRALS of the Spanish Colonial period . . . the worldly and wealthy splendor of ACAPULCO and the loneliness of the desolate central plateaus dotted with quaint NATIVE VILLAGES.

But of ALL the COUNTLESS TREASURES OF "MEXICO" it is the vibrance of the circus . . . carnival . . . pageant rolled into one happening . . . the FIESTA . . . that is most exciting. And so tonight it is to the land of MEXICO that we go to enjoy our very own . . .

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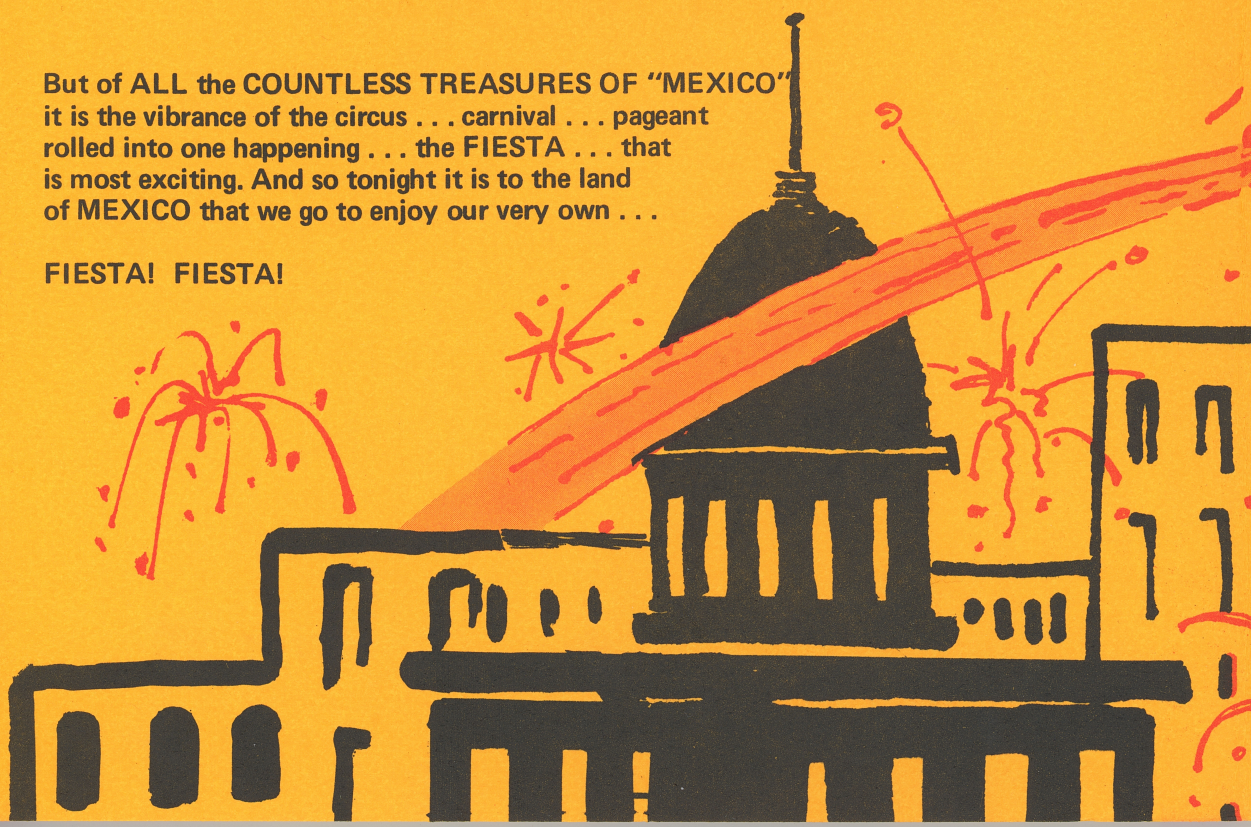


Our Tableau Unfolds. . .

as our "MEXICAN OVERTURE" is heard before . . .

a. The Captain's whistle officially opens our FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY BAL MASQUE . . . as . . . we welcome . . .

b. The ROYAL COURT OF 1980, recalling the glittering spectacle of . . . "A SPACE FANTASY" . .

c. Behold the spotting of the CREST OF NEREIDS, as a prelude to our "FIESTA" . . . as . . .

d. NEREIDS invites you to visit . . . the AZTEC PYRAMIDS for the . . . "DANCE OF THE QUETZALES" and the . . . "DANCE OF THE CONQUEST" . . .

e. Then our OFFICERS appear . . . portraying the . . . "MAIDENS OF THE SUN GOD" . . .

f. In a setting of an ANCIENT PYRAMID TO THE GODS . . . we behold . . . the . . . . . . CAPTAIN OF NEREIDS . . . symbolic of the . . . "AZTEC GODDESS" . . .

g. As in eager anticipation . . . all await the start of the colorful "FIESTA" . . . in the Zocalo . . . so we may welcome . . .

h. The MAIDS OF THE 1981 ROYAL COURT . . . each portraying a . . . "TREASURE OF MEXICO"

. . . the city of Monterrey's castanet . . . "MUSIC"

. . . Veracruz's beautifully colored . . . "QUETZAL BIRD"

. . . the town of Tehuantepec's colorful . . . "HOLIDAYS"

. . . the city of Puebla's famed . . . "POTTERY"

. . . Guadalajara's fragrant fields of . . . "FLOWERS"

. . . the city of Taxco's unique . . . "SILVER"

i. Hail QUEEN DORIS XV, personifying the QUEEN OF THE . . . "FIESTA DES FLORES" . . .

j. Her ROYAL MAJESTY now calls for . . .

k. The OFFICERS OF THE KREWE to escort the DUKES OF NEREIDS to their lovely MAIDS . . . so that, together, the COURT may await the regal arrival of . . .

l. KING NEREUS XV . . . who bids that his subjects ENJOY with him the colorful . . . FOLKLORICO DANCERS . . . after which . . .

m. HONORED GUESTS are received at the throne . . . and then . . .

n. The ROYAL COURT parades in NATIVE PAGEANTRY . . . before

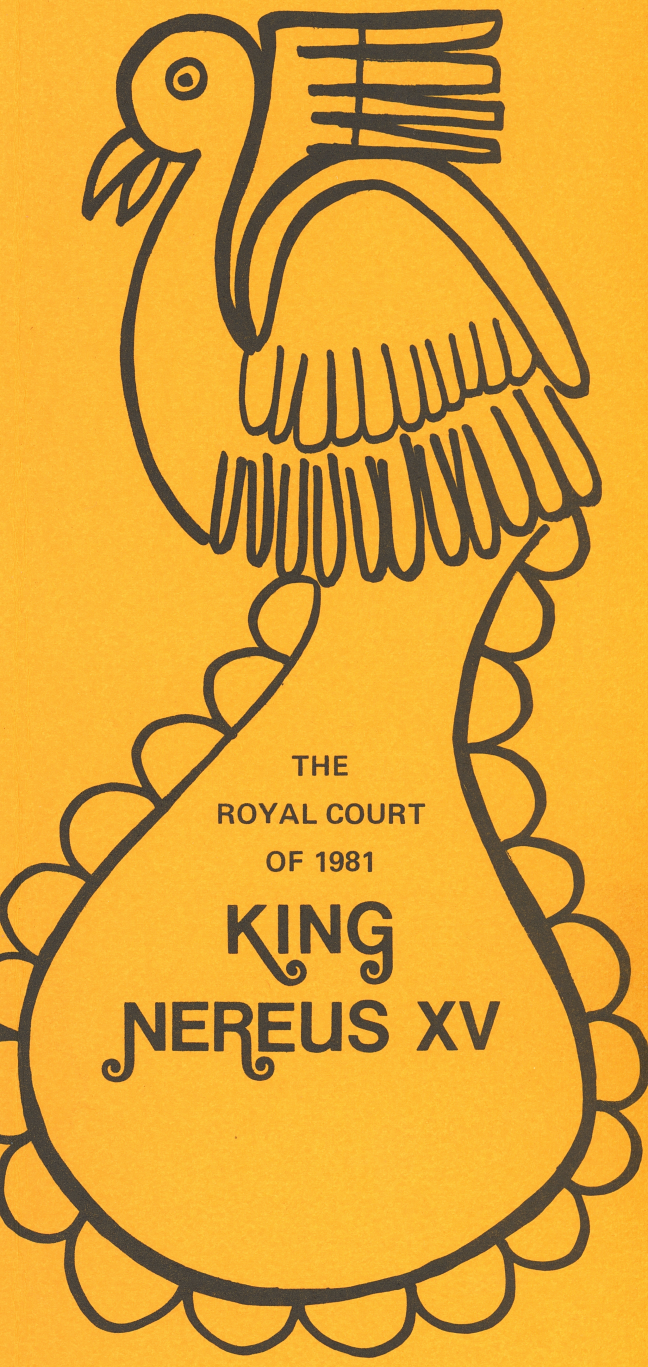
o. The Krewe Cavorts . . . doing their version of "The Mexican Hat Dance" . . . as . . .

p. A FANTASY of spectacular entertainment is staged . . . symbolic of a . . . "CARNIVAL IN MEXICO" . . . then . . .

q. The OFFICERS take a bow and SALUTE THE AUDIENCE, before . . .

r. The gracious and charming . . . CAPTAIN OF THE KREWE bids the audience a fond "BUENOS NOCHES" til next year . . . and signals for . . .

s. The CALL-OUT DANCES to begin . . . and then for . . . General Dancing to end the happy excitement of NEREIDS . . . vibrant and exciting salute to Mexico's famed . . . "FIESTA!"



THE
ROYAL COURT
OF 1981

KING NEREUS XV

DUKES TO HIS MAJESTY

MR. BASIL T. KENNEDY
DR. ANDREW K. MARTINOLICH
MR. RONALD J. ARTIGUES
MR. SHELDON M. SEUZENEAU
MR. CLYDE L. LADNER
MR. ROBERT J. PARKER

TRAINBEARERS TO HER MAJESTY

MISS HEIDI GERETTE HITT
MISS KAREN EMILIE BREATH
MISS JENNIFER HOPE TARTAVOULLE
MASTER RAYMOND EARL KIDD, III

Recollections

1967
Cavalcade of American Dance
King Nereus I - Cornelius K. Herlihy

1968
Era of Laughter
King Nereus II - Merlin R. Markel

1969
Carnival in Rio
King Nereus III - Henry Develle, Jr.*

1970
Spirit of America
King Nereus IV - W.Ray Gordon*

1971
Opening Nights
King Nereus V - James DeBlanc

1972
Three Ring Circus
King Nereus VI - Haskell L. Doyle

1973
Echoes of Famous Streets
King Nereus VII - John Gallagher

1974
The Enchanted Toy Shop
King Nereus VIII - T. Dixon Ashman

1975
The Jazz Age
King Nereus IX - David L. Johnson

1976
Hawaii, The 50th State
King Nereus X - Lucien M. Gex, Jr.

1977
State Fair
King Nereus XI - Vincent Schott

1978
Ooh La La, Paree!
King Nereus XII, Clifford P. Vogt

1979
Classic Greece
King Nereus XIII - Luke Caruso

1980
Space Fantasy
King Nereus XIV - Robert W. Wyatt, Jr.

* Deceased

General Chairman

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Mr. A. Burton Barrett
Mr. Charles A. Breath, III
Mr. Arthur J. Chapman, III
Mr. James DeBlanc

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Mr. Haskell Doyle
Mr. Lucien M. Gex, Jr.
Mr. Vincent F. Schott
Mr. T. Dixon Ashman

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Mr. Edward Scanlan, Jr.
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Mr. Danny Howard
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Mr. Armand Serpas

KREWE OF NEREIDS PARADE - Sunday, February 22, 2:00 P.M. - Waveland